

City of Torrance

Press Release



Officer Wounds Carjacking Suspect During Arrest

At approximately 6:40 p.m., Saturday, July 19, 2003, a Torrance Police Officer wounded an armed car-jacking suspect during an arrest in the 24000 block of Vista Montana Street.

Torrance Police received a 9-1-1 call from a citizen reporting that a suspect, armed with a handgun, had committed a carjacking in the area of Kragan Auto Parts in the 4200 block of Pacific Coast Highway. Torrance officers arrived on the scene within 2 to 3 minutes. A lone officer located the suspect in the stolen vehicle on Vista Montana Street, which borders the shopping center where the robbery occurred.

An officer involved shooting occurred during the confrontation between the officer and the robbery suspect. The suspect was wounded and taken into custody at the scene. Marco Antonio Montes, a 19 year-old resident of Lancaster, Ca. was arrested for 215 P.C. Carjacking. Montes was later booked at Torrance jail where he is currently being held on \$100,000 bail.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office officials are reviewing the case as is routine in all officer involved shootings.

The investigation continues under the direction of Captain John Neu, Bureau Commander, Special Operations Bureau.

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